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SUBJ: ACTIVITIES OF BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS & INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT

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1. SAMUEL J. CANALE, PRESIDENT OF COMMERCIAL AUTO BODY WORKS, INC., PHILADELPHIA, AND OF AIR SUPPORT INDUSTRIES, INC., GLASSBORO, N.J., TOGETHER WITH ROBERT L. BRANDON, PRESIDENT, SERVICE SUPPLY CORP., WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PA., ADVISED EMBOFF THEY ARE IN GHANA TO NEGOTIATE BARTER AGREEMENT WITH NRC CHAIRMAN, WHOM THEY HOPE TO SEE THIS WEEK. THEY ENVISAGE SUPPLYING HEAVY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TRACTORS, EARTHMOVERS, AND LOG SKIDDERS IN RETURN FOR COCOA, TIMBER AND MINERALS. BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS HEADED BY JOHN BLAY-MIEZAH (REF A) IS THEIR U.S. ASSOCIATE AND KROBO EDUSEI (REF B) IS THEIR GHANA ASSOCIATE. THEY HAVE ALSO DEALT WITH KANKAM-BOADU, GHANA COCOA MARKETING BOARD REP IN LONDON. THEY HAVE SPENT DOLS 100,000 SO FAR TRYING TO SET UP DEAL, THEY SAY.

2. CANALE AND BRANDON ARE AWARE OF REPUTATION OF BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND BLAY-MIEZAH BUT CLAIM IT IS UNJUSTIFIED AND THAT BLAY-MIEZAH WILL BE REHABILITATED BY NRC. CANALE SAID HE WAS HELPING FINANCE LEGAL EFFORTS IN US TO CLEAR BLAY-MIEZAH CRIMINAL RECORD.

3. COMMENT: WE FEAR CANALE AND BRANDON WILL LOSE THEIR
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"INVESTMENT". HOWEVER, THEY ARE PROCEEDING IN FULL KNOWLEDGE

OF RISKS WITH EYES OPEN.
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